CHAPTER NO. 883

HOUSE BILL NO. 2423

By Representatives Hargrove, Pleasant, Haley, Miller, West, Davidson, Fitzhugh, Ford, Patton, Langster, John DeBerry, Ulysses Jones, Kent, Ralph Cole, Boyer, Bittle, Sharp, Maddox, Tidwell, Wood, Stulce and Mr. Speaker Naifeh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2404

By Senators Womack, Miller, Williams, McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, relative to long-term care benefits for active and retired public employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section as follows:

8-27-2___. A long-term care benefits program may be established at the discretion of the committee created in Section 8-27-101. The committee is authorized to determine the benefits package, funding method, administrative procedures, eligibility provisions and rules relating to the program. If such a program is established, the committee shall have all the powers set forth in Section 8-27-201 in administering the program. Payroll deductions shall be available for the payment of premiums from salary paid by the State of Tennessee and from retirement benefits paid by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to members participating in the plan.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER SE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

PASSED: April 23, 1998

APPROVED this 6th day of May 1998